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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS-MEETING OF PARIS GROUP

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY AUGUST 8 THAT IT APPRECIATED U.S. INVITATION FOR GON TO CONVENE PARIS GROUP, BUT THAT THEY MUST DECLINE. DUTCH, AS WE INDICATED EARLIER, WERE NEVER ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HOSTING SEPTEMBER MEETING, AS THEY ACTED AS CHAIRMAN PREVIOUSLY. MFA OF OPINION THAT CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD ROTATE.

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2. DUTCH WOULD BE PLEASED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE PARIS

GROUP AT ANY REASONABLE SITE IN SEPTEMBER, IF ANOTHER MEMBER
ISSUES INVITATIONS.DECISION NOT TO ACT AS HOST TAKEN BY
DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS, TERWISSCHA,
IN COORDINATION WITH GENERAL ANEMAET. AN MFA OFFICIAL TOLD
EMBOFF ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT PART OF REASON FOR DUTCH
RELUCTANCE TO ACT AS HOST WAS DESIRE NOT TO BECOME OVERLY
IDENTIFIED WITH PARIS GROUP. ALTHOUGH GON STRONGLY SUPPORTS
GOALS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS CONFERENCE, THERE IS SOME
FEAR THAT ACHIEVEMENTS WILL BE LESS THAN SEGMENTS OF DUTCH
PUBLIC MAY COME TO EXPECT, ESPECIALLY IF PARIS GROUP SHOULD
START BEING THOUGH OF AS THE HAGUE GROUP.

3. MFA DID NOT OFFER ANY SUGGESTION AS TO WHICH COUNTRY
IT MIGHT BE BEST TO APPROACH NEXT, BUT DID SAY THAT GON
OFFICIALS HAD INFORMALLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DANES AND
DENMARK WAS OUT.MUSING ALOUD, DUTCH OFFICIAL SAID PERHAPS
UK WOULD BE GOOD CHOICE AS IT FOLLOWED NETHERLANDS IN ALPHABET.
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